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ELK HUNTING

DATES, RESTRICTIONS AND HOW TO APPLY

QUOTA ELK	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Bull (antlered)	Week 1: Oct. 6-12, 2012 Week 2: Oct. 13-19, 2012	Sept. 15 - Oct. 5, Oct. 20 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013	Oct. 20-21, Nov. 10 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22-31, 2012
Cow (antlerless)	Week 1: Dec. 8-14, 2012 Week 2: Dec. 15-21, 2012	Oct. 20 - Dec. 7, and Dec. 22, 2012 - Jan. 21, 2013	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2012		

Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county not included in the 16-county elk restoration zone (out-of-zone), and must have an out-of-zone elk permit.

HOW THE QUOTA HUNTS WORK

On Dec. 1, 2012, elk lottery applications will go on sale for the 2013-14 season. Hunters must buy their lottery applications before midnight EDT April 30, 2013. Elk lottery applications can only be purchased online from the department's website at fw.ky.gov. Residents and non-residents are eligible to apply for elk quota hunts. Each application cost \$10.

Hunters 15 years of age and under may apply for a youth-only quota hunt during the same application period as the regular elk quota hunt lottery. Five either-sex elk permits will be drawn.

Applicants for this youth-only hunt may also purchase elk lottery applications for the regular elk quota hunts. A youth may not be drawn for the youth-only quota hunt and the regular quota hunt for elk in the same year, and if drawn for the youth-only hunt, a youngster will be permanently blocked from applying for the youth-only hunt again.

Only individuals may purchase elk lottery applications, not a party of hunters together. Hunters may apply for up to two of four tag types (bull firearms, bull archery or crossbow, cow firearms, and cow archery or crossbow), but may not apply twice for one tag type. A random computer drawing is held in May to award permits from the pool of applicants. Hunters may check to see if they were drawn on fw.ky.gov.

Drawn hunters must then specify their first, second and third choice from the 10 Elk Hunting Units (EHUs). Then a second drawing is held in July to assign each hunter to an EHU, based on the availability of an opening in the EHU of their choice, at the time their name was drawn. Results are posted on fw.ky.gov.

Resident hunters drawn for a quota elk permit are required to buy a \$30 elk quota hunt permit in addition to an annual hunting license. Non-residents drawn are required to buy a \$365 non-

resident quota elk permit in addition to an annual Kentucky nonresident hunting license. Quota elk permits must be purchased from the department's website prior to hunting. It's the hunter's responsibility to find a place to hunt in their assigned EHU.

Information about where to hunt can be found at fw.ky.gov. Hunters must get landowner permission to hunt private land. Hunters in the field are allowed two assistants, but only the permit holder is allowed to hunt.

Hunters awarded a bull elk permit will be blocked for three years from applying for another bull elk permit. For example, hunters awarded bull permits for the 2012-13 season are ineligible to apply for another bull tag until the 2016-17 season.

Permits for quota elk hunts are non-transferable.

All quota elk hunters must display a department-issued hang tag in their vehicles while hunting.

ARCHERY/CROSSBOW HUNTERS

Archery only hunting for bull elk opens on the third Saturday in September and continues until firearms season opens (Sept. 15-Oct. 5, 2012).

An archery or crossbow hunter may not hunt during the four weeks of firearms elk hunts.

Youth under 16 years of age, seniors 65 years of age and older, and persons with a crossbow exemption, may hunt with a crossbow during the entire elk archery seasons.

FIREARMS HUNTERS

Firearms hunters may only hunt during the seven-day firearms season they were drawn for, and may not hunt with archery gear or crossbow outside that week.

BULL TAG

Hunters may take any elk with visible antlers during the firearms and archery/crossbow bull elk hunts.

Hunters drawn for a bull elk permit will be blocked for three years from applying for another bull elk permit. (If you are drawn for a 2011-12 season bull tag, you are ineligible to apply for another bull tag until the 2015-16 season.)

YOUTH-ONLY QUOTA HUNT

A youth-only quota elk hunt will be held at Paul Van Booven WMA and adjacent private lands as allowed by the

LEGAL EQUIPMENT FOR ELK SEASON

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger, but firearms may NOT be able to hold more than 11 rounds (10 in the magazine and one in the chamber), may NOT be fully automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull), and may NOT be shooting full metal jacketed or tracer ammunition.
- A muzzleloading rifle of .50 caliber or larger.
- A muzzle-loading or breech-loading shotgun no larger than 10-gauge, and no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) ONLY.
- A handgun with a barrel length of six (6) inches, or longer, with a bore diameter of .270 inches or larger, when firing a bullet, producing at least 550 ft/lbs of energy at 100 yards.
- Archery and crossbow equipment.

landowner Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2012. Hunters 15 years old or younger by the first date of the hunt may apply for the youth

WMA elk lottery for \$10 online at fw.ky.gov during the same application period as the regular elk quota hunt lottery.

Five either-sex elk permits will be drawn. Applicants for this youth hunt may also purchase elk lottery applications for the regular elk quota hunts. However, youth drawn for the Paul Van Booven hunt will not be drawn for a regular quota elk hunt and are not automatically entered in the regular lottery.

Firearm elk hunters 15 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult, who shall remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm.

Youth drawn for the September youth elk hunt will be permanently blocked from applying for that hunt again.

BAG LIMIT/HUNTER ORANGE

The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, regardless of permit type. Hunters may not take an elk during a quota elk hunt and also take an elk out-of-zone during the same season.

Elk hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting public or private lands in the elk restoration zone during firearm elk seasons, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

CHECKING AND TAGGING

All elk must be telechecked. A carcass tag is required if a harvested elk leaves the hunter's possession for any reason.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BULLS: Top 10 bull elk taken by hunters

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method	Year
*372 6/8	Terrell Royalty	Knott	Modern gun	2009
371 0/8	Greg Neff	Bell	Modern gun	2007
*367 7/8	Kelvin Jackson	Harlan	Modern gun	2008
367 0/8	Bill Auxier	Knott	Modern gun	2007
361 4/8	Franklin Scott	Knott	Modern gun	2006
*357 0/8	Bruce Brantley	Perry	Crossbow	2011
*356 6/8	Chris Godby	Knott	Modern gun	2009
353 1/8	Wesley Gage Fultz	Leslie	Modern gun	2007
*349 2/8	Andy Kidd	Perry	Modern gun	2006
*348 0/8	Ken Peters	Perry	Modern gun	2007



361 4/8
Franklin Scott
 Knott County
 Typical, Modern gun

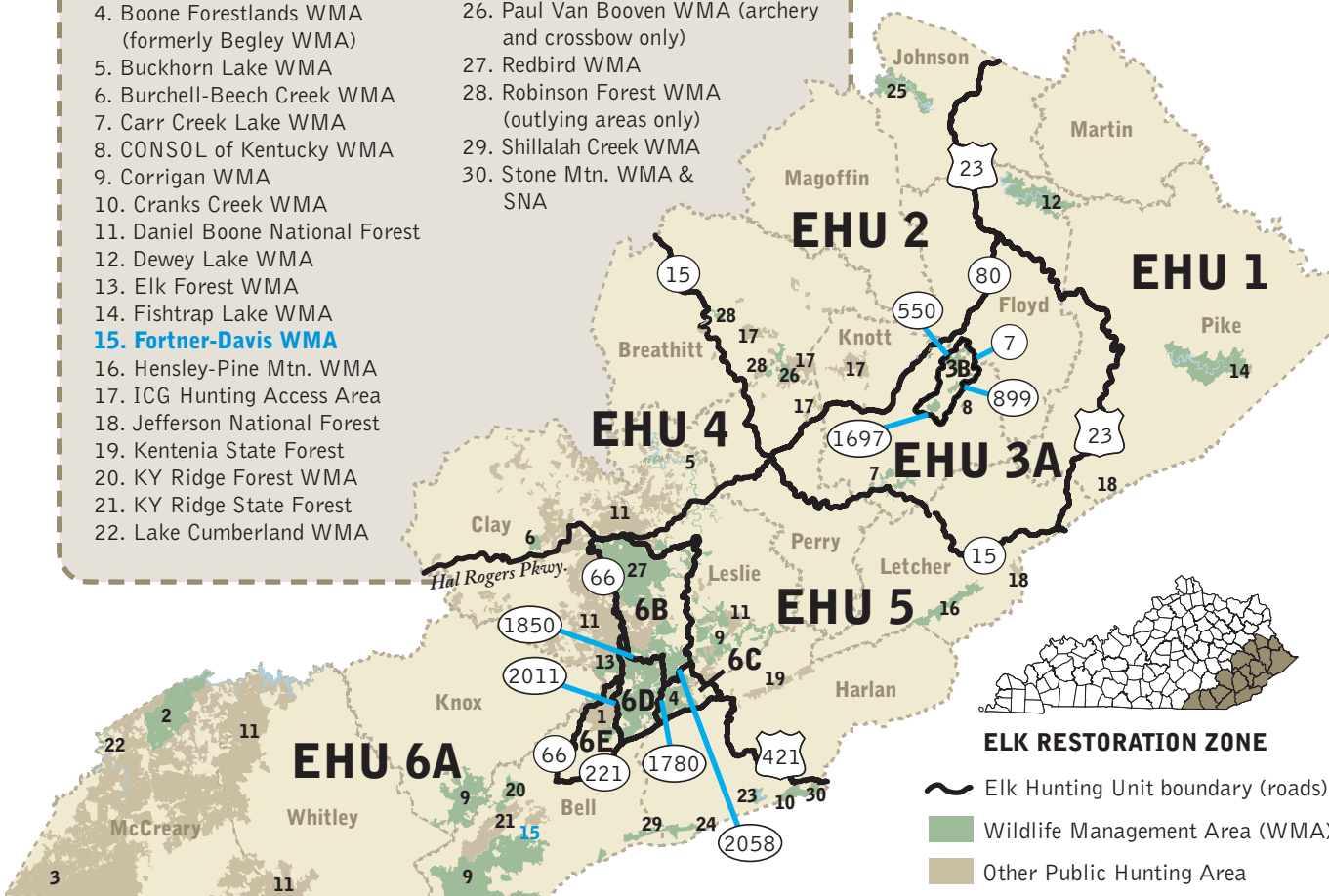
* Non-typical

This list includes the 10 largest bull elk scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. It is possible unreported bulls taken in Kentucky may have scored higher than listed bulls.

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

Note: Not all public areas have elk present year-round. See page 43 for contact information for each area.

1. Asher Hunting Access Area
2. Beaver Creek WMA
3. Big South Fork NRR
4. Boone Forestlands WMA (formerly Begley WMA)
5. Buckhorn Lake WMA
6. Burchell-Beech Creek WMA
7. Carr Creek Lake WMA
8. CONSOL of Kentucky WMA
9. Corrigan WMA
10. Cranks Creek WMA
11. Daniel Boone National Forest
12. Dewey Lake WMA
13. Elk Forest WMA
14. Fishtrap Lake WMA
15. Fortner-Davis WMA
16. Hensley-Pine Mtn. WMA
17. ICG Hunting Access Area
18. Jefferson National Forest
19. Kentenia State Forest
20. KY Ridge Forest WMA
21. KY Ridge State Forest
22. Lake Cumberland WMA
23. Martins Fork Lake WMA
24. Martins Fork WMA & SNA
25. Paintsville Lake WMA
26. Paul Van Booven WMA (archery and crossbow only)
27. Redbird WMA
28. Robinson Forest WMA (outlying areas only)
29. Shillalah Creek WMA
30. Stone Mtn. WMA & SNA



WHERE TO HUNT ELK

QUOTA HUNTS WITHIN THE RESTORATION ZONE

The elk restoration zone includes the following 16 counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley.

Inside this restoration zone, elk may only be taken by hunters drawn for a quota hunt as previously described.

There are 30 WMAs and other public areas open to quota elk hunting, but not all have elk. See map above and individual area listings in the Public

Land Hunting section for details. Hunters **MUST** hunt within their assigned EHU, regardless of public or private land boundaries.

ELK HUNTING OUTSIDE THE RESTORATION ZONE

Elk may be taken from any county **outside** the restoration zone by hunters who possess an annual Kentucky hunting license and an out-of-zone elk permit. These hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations, but are not required to possess a deer permit. Elk taken in counties **OTHER THAN**

THE 16 COUNTIES LISTED do not count toward the deer season limit. The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, regardless of permit type. (Hunters may not take an elk during a quota elk hunt and also take an elk out-of-zone during the same season.)

All elk must be telechecked. Hunters must call 1-800-245-4263 and report the kill. (See the General Information/Telecheck section for details.) Hunters who fail to properly report harvested elk taken in counties outside the restoration zone are subject to severe fines and other penalties.